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SUBJECT: VISIT OF SWISS FOREIGN MINISTER

1. SWISS FOREIGN MINISTER PIERRE GRABER MADE AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO ATHENS NOVEMBER 24-27. APPARENTLY, THE ONLY CONCRETE RESULT OF HIS TRIP WAS AN INVITATION TO PRIME MINISTER CARAMANLIS TO VISIT SWITZERLAND SOMETIME NEXT YEAR. CARAMANLIS HAS ACCEPTED. GRABER ALSO CALLED ON PRESIDENT TSATSOS AND HELD PRIVATE TALKS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER BITSIOS.

2. ACCORDING TO PAUL APOSTOLIDIS OF THE MFA'S WEST EUROPEAN-AMERICAN AFFAIRS OFFICE, GRABER PROPOSED SOME FORM OF BILATERAL AGREEMENT TO PROMOTE TRADE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, BUT BITSIOS' INITIAL REACTION WAS ONE OF CAUTION UNTIL THE POTENTIAL AFFECT ON GREECE'S ENTRY INTO THE EC CAN BE ASSESSED. APOSTOLIDIS BELIEVES THE PROPOSAL, AS WELL AS GRABER'S VISIT AND THE INVITATION TO CARAMANLIS, RARE FOR SWITZERLAND, MAY STEM FROM A SENSE OF ISOLATION ON THE PART OF THE GOS AS THE EC DEVELOPS STRONGER TIES WHICH TEND TO EXCLUDE NON-MEMBERS.

3. APOSTOLIDIS SAID THAT GRABER HAD BEEN POLITELY CONCOMMITAL IN RESPONSE TO BRIEFINGS ON THE AEGEAN AND  
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4. THERE WAS NO JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND GRABER MADE NO  
DEPARTURE STATEMENT. PRESS INTEREST IN HIS VISIT WAS  
RELATIVELY LIGHT, BUT POSITIVE, WITH EMPHASIS ON THE FACT THAT  
OFFICIAL INVITATIONS FROM THE GOS ARE EXTREMELY RARE.  
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